

# St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

Council: *Faith Formation Council*

October 20, 2009 **Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 PM

<b>Meeting Participants:</b>	Present		Present		Present
Doug Austin	No	Kathy Langer	Yes	Lynne Schriver-Sheedy (PLC guest)	
Leo Boucher	Yes	Kathy Littfin	Yes		
Patti Chervenak	Yes	Rich Osman	Yes		
Sr. Penny Dunn	Yes	Katie Sentz	Yes		
Kathy Johnson	Yes	Mary Jo Stewart	Yes		

## **AGENDA/ITEMS**

Leo Boucher opened the meeting with prayer.

September 15 meeting minutes were read and approved. Meeting agendas were made available to all participants.

### **I. Review of Catechetical Sunday (September 20, 2009)**

Sister Penny reported that many people picked up Faith Formation material in the courtyard; registrations and fee payments (which ease budget concerns) are still coming in for various programs.

More than 90 parishioners have signed up for Father Rask's Thursday evening Bible Study.

### **II. Status of Proposed Monday Night Prayer Hour in Chapel**

Some interest was expressed for the proposed prayer hour on Catechetical Sunday. Brochures were handed out, names were taken and a contact list was drawn up at the Council Meeting for follow-up phone calls to various parishioners. Many individuals will be called to ask their specific interest and willingness to commit to serve on a team for the various prayer hours. The St. Odilia Mom's Group was mentioned as a possible source for interest and publicity.

Sister Penny stressed that the various prayer hours must be headed by teams, not individuals. Sister believes that a January 2010 start date is feasible for Prayer Hour.

Joyce Hedeem's name was given as a possible leader for "Lectio Divina;" Kathy Langer volunteered to assist on "Rosary & Marian Devotion;" Leo Boucher and Kathy Littfin will be team leaders for "Praise and Worship."

Other council members are considering their roles and possible participation in the Monday Night Prayer Hour. Leo Boucher and Kathy Littfin agreed to spearhead formulation of interest lists and actual phone calls to parishioners. Sister Penny will be in close contact with this effort, too.

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## III. Finalize Plans for Jeff Cavins' Speech October 21 at St. Odilia

There is much interest and good response to the Catholic Spirit ad for Jeff Cavins' appearance at St. Odilia's. Sister Penny has also had many calls from people outside St. Odilia's parish that have heard of this event on Relevant Radio and might attend.

Several Council members volunteered to assist as greeters and cashiers for this event. Logistics and timing were discussed, and good participation is expected.

## IV. Reports on Possible Lenten Reading Material for Small Groups

1. Leo Boucher reported to group that he believes "Fuel – Men Living the Faith" would have appeal to male participants in the parish (not necessarily only during Lent). Current RCIA members would find the topics relevant and timely. Leo is going to introduce the book to his weekly prayer group and get their reaction to its utilization at their meetings.
2. Kathy Langer reviewed "Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton," and believes it would appeal to parishioners meeting on a weekly basis during Lent. The meditations and questions should appeal to both men and women in the parish.

Sister Penny will review the reports and discuss with other parish leaders what material they may want to consider before ordering handouts for Lenten groups. She likes the fact that "Bridges" is one in a series for the publisher and could lead to an on-going sequence of study material for various groups. Lenten small-group opportunities will be advertized in the bulletin after the first of the year, with sign-up available in the courtyard after week-end masses. Groups will be encouraged to meet in homes, but locations and day-of-the-week preference may possibly also include an option to meet at St. Odilia's.

## V. Lector Discussion (addition to agenda)

Kathy Johnson read a short letter from a parishioner who has been a lector at St. Odilia's until recently. He believes that more people should be actively encouraged to become lectors at St. Odilia and was resigning to make room for additional participants. Sister Penny is going to discuss this suggestion with Mari Meyer and the Worship Council. Additional training and a rotation schedule for lectors would have to be developed. It was also noted that young people have been invited to become lectors for the 6:00 PM Sunday liturgies.

## VI. Other Business

1. Sr. Penny reported that the Leadership Workshop of October 3 at St. Odilia's affirmed how faith formation builds and leads to stewardship among parishioners. Participants were told that tithing and stewardship are both part of discipleship. St. Odilia Faith Formation makes many programs available that lead to good stewardship.
2. The new Youth Minister/Confirmation Coordinator (Andy Wagenbach) has with sincerity and enthusiasm invited young parishioners to use their gifts and become active at St. Odilia's. Youth recently confirmed are encouraged to become Eucharistic ministers.
3. Kathy Littfin will review the booklet "Living Your Strengths" and report to the group next month if she believes the computer program of the same title should be made available to Faith Formation participants. Its aim is to "help people determine ways in which they can be better stewards of talent" for the Church.
4. Sister Penny will report next month on parish plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010.

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5. Faith Formation programs are off to a good start this fall; Sister Penny is pleased with the strength of the material and variety of offerings. Slight decreases in enrollment in early childhood, family-centered programs and Junior High are reflective of the changing demographics within the community. More than 180 youth are part of the Confirmation program, including 20 participants from our Latino community. Both Edge and Lifelight have regular gatherings for young people, and 10 teen-agers signed up for their own Bible Study.

No urgent items were sent with Mary Jo Stewart to the PLC meeting.

Leo Boucher closed meeting with prayer and gave handout to attendants; meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

**NEXT MEETING: November 17, 2009**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Langer  
11/03/09